



WASH Working Group Meeting Syrian Refugee Response in Jordan

Meeting Location	UNICEF conference room	Meeting Date	21 November 2013
Chair Person	Jamal Shah	Meeting Time	10:00am
Minutes Prepared by	Matthew Richard		
Purpose of Meeting	The WASH working group meets every 3 weeks		
Next Meeting	Thursday 12 December, 10:00am, IRD office		

1.) Summary of action points

Item	Action point	Focal Point / Organization
1.)	Information Management Jamal to resend invites to the WASH dropbox for all agencies to upload and share information.	Matthew Richard and Jamal Shah
2.)	Hygiene promotion taskforce Rana and Jamal to take lead on launching a hygiene taskforce to enhance hygiene promotion.	Rana Harbawi and Jamal Shah
3.)	WASH Standards for Camps and Host Communities Einar to take lead on monitoring standards for camps and host communities and will give a presentation at the next meeting.	Einar Sorevik



2.) Attendees of the meeting

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3.) Minutes

Item	Discussion
RRP6 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRP6 narratives are now complete and will be finalised by Geneva HQ by mid-December • The WASH sector objective for RRP6 is partly to reduce on-going operation and maintenance costs of WASH facilities • RRP6 anticipates 800,000 new arrivals, of which 200,000 will be hosted in camps (Zaatari, Azraq, EJC, Cyber City, King Abdullah Park). • Current estimates are that the Zaatari camp population is around 75,000. Zaatari is prepared and will continue to receive newly arrived refugees into Jordan, optimally no more than 80,000 persons. • As a result, Azraq refugee camp will for the time being remain a contingency site. The camp should be readied with a contingency capacity of 30,000 persons.
Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern over information flows between agencies. • Matthew Richard (Associate Coordination Officer - UNHCR) was introduced to the WG. Matthew will be responsible for ensuring information flow between UNHCR and other agencies working in the WASH sector working alongside Mohamed Biley (UNICEF). • For WASH info & documents, refer to the on-line "Box" storage: https://www.box.com/signup/collablink/d_528023294/7a4a32df9e549. All agencies are encouraged to use this to exchange and find information.
Camps update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zaatari – Juan Frechilla presented an update on WASH in Zaatari camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of history of WASH design and implementation ○ Highlighted challenges of WASH in camps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uneven distribution/ growth of camp ▪ Overly of congested areas ▪ Lack of rule of law/vandalism ▪ Water distribution ▪ Grey/black water infiltration ○ Discussions after presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on wastewater treatment plant: Probably operational in 5-6 months ▪ Update on water network: Oxfam finalising network design. ▪ Gian Melloni from Acted had several points that he will address with Jamal directly. • Azraq – Ahmed Mohammed Ali presented an update on WASH in Azraq camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons learnt from Azraq incorporated into WASH design and implementation. ○ Changes incorporated to WASH blocks to alleviate high O&M costs ○ Water network in Azraq is facilitated by 20 storage tanks at 1,900M³, 27 km of pipe, and 2,700 septic tanks at 8 M³ each. ○ Discussions after presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns over toilet designs in relation to privacy for women and girls and accessibility for handicap. ▪ Costs to fund O&M under RRP6
Host community update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Said Hameed presented an update on WASH in host communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighted issues on scarce Jordanian water resources, UfW/NrW, poor water quality, informal settlements ○ Provision of WASH facilities in 474 schools and rehabilitation in 150 schools ○ Discussion on RRP6 and NRP and the relationship and differences of the two interventions.
Hygiene update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rana Harbawi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expressed concerns over general coordination of the hygiene sector of WASH as each



	<p>organisation is working independently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There is a gap between hygiene assessments and hygiene reports○ There needs to be a more concise mapping activity of the hygiene sector○ Hygiene promotion needs to be emphasised and accelerated in WASH planning○ Rana and Jamal to take lead on launching a hygiene taskforce to enhance hygiene promotion.
WASH Standards for Camps and Host communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Catherine Sherwood presented work on minimum WASH standards for camps and host communities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion on use of minimum standards as a guideline document as there is currently no standard M&E process.○ However the standards are still work in progress and there are some gaps.○ Einar to take lead on monitoring standards for camps and host communities and will give a presentation at the next meeting.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thomas will present a 15 minute presentation at the next WASH WG meeting on environmental standards in refugee camps.● REACH are tasked with producing weekly documents on WASH assessments of Zaatari camp. They are uploaded to the WASH dropbox which is accessible here: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9ngx1oy848q644/v6gd24hWRa